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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
CONTINUATION SHEET**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

**NRIS Reference Number: 02001736**

**Date Listed: 1/27/2003**

**Fawson, Alfred and Marie, House**  
**Property Name**

**Box Elder**  
**County**

**UT**  
**State**

**Brigham City, MPS**  
**Multiple Name**

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Signature of the Keeper

1.27.03  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

**Significance:**

The Period of Significance should read: *1937*.  
[This period reflects the construction date of the main house and its Depression-era context.]

The Area of Significance: *Commerce* is deleted and replaced with *Social History* and *Community Planning and Development*.

[These themes reflect the significance of the property as a illustration of the exigencies of Depression era development and community building in Brigham City.]

**Classification:**

The number of non-contributing resources is: 0  
The number of contributing resources previously listed in the NR is: 0

**These revisions were confirmed with the UT SHPO office.**

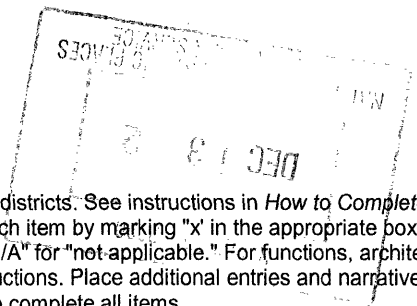
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**DISTRIBUTION:**

**National Register property file**  
**Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)**

**United States Department of the Interior  
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**National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form**

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Fawson, Alfred & Marie, House

other name/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 66 South 100 West  not for publication

city or town Brigham City  vicinity

state Utah code UT county Box Elder code 003 zip code 84302

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally.  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
[Signature] 12/9/02  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Utah Division of State History, Office of Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

[Signature] Signature of the Keeper 1/27/03 Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	4	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Brigham City, Utah

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

9

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Function**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGION: other (tithing office) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Function**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Multiple dwelling \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19<sup>th</sup> AND 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY REVIVALS: \_\_\_\_\_

Colonial Revival \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_ STONE, CONCRETE \_\_\_\_\_

walls \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_ ASPHALT shingle \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_ WOOD trim \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 7

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## 8. Description

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

ARCHITECTURE

### Period of Significance

1937-1952

### Significant Dates

1937

### Significant Persons

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

### Architect/Builder

Peter Madsen, William Cox, Hyrum Stow, James Pett, William

Wrighton, & Alfred Fawson (builders)

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 8

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 9

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .22 acres

#### UTM References

(Place additional boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

1 1/2 4/1/5/1/2/0 4/5/9/5/5/6/0  
Zone Easting Northing

2 / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

3 / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

4 / / / / / / / / / / /  
Zone Easting Northing

#### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11, BLOCK 11, PLAT A, BRIGHAM CITY SURVEY, SOUTH 00\*01'53", WEST 33 FT., NORTH 89\*59'05", WEST 99.73 FT., PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 11, NORTH 00\*01'53", EAST 99.73 FT., SOUTH 89\*41' EAST 99.73 FT., SOUTH 00\*01'53", WEST 63.79 FT. TO POB.

Property Tax No.

#### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that were historically and continue to be associated with the property.

See continuation sheet(s) for Section No. 10

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Larry Douglass  
organization Brigham City CLG date November 21, 2002  
street & number 24 North 300 West telephone 435/723-6769  
city or town Brigham City state UT zip code 84302

#### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

##### Continuation Sheets

**Maps** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs:** Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

#### Property Owner

name/title Dallan Stephens  
street & number 774 South Main telephone 435/734-1263  
city or town Brigham City state UT zip code 84302

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## Narrative Description

The 1937 Alfred and Marie Fawson House is one of the most unique homes in the Brigham City. It is a one-story brick Colonial Revival-style residence that was constructed on what was originally a two-story Mormon tithing office built in 1879. The house is located on a small city lot surrounded by lawn and deciduous and coniferous trees in a mixed commercial and residential area; there are no other buildings on the property. The house is one block west of the central business district, south of the Brigham City Post Office and across the street from the local newspaper office. The neighborhood becomes residential from the Fawson House south to the corner. The corner house is an 1890s Second Empire-style house that has lost much of its architectural integrity. The other two houses were built in the 1950s and 1960s. Elm trees and sidewalks help make this portion of First West pleasant and pedestrian friendly.

The original portion of the Fawson House is made of local soft-fired orange brick. The facade is long, symmetrical, and divided into three bays. The central bay protrudes out a few feet and has a prominent entrance and a cross gable. Each adjoining bay has a large window. The elaborate entrance has a front door with sidelights, transom windows, and a cut sandstone lintel. The lintel is in the shape of a flat arch with pronounced keystone. Similar lintels also embellish each front window of the adjoining bays. The roof cornice line barely clears the window lintels. A foundation water table is also made of cut sandstone.

The 1937 sixteen-paned wood windows were replaced by similar metal ones in the 1960s. These were replaced in the spring of 2002 with double-paned vinyl windows having simulated dividers. The multi-paned lights of the front door date to the 1937 remodel. The framing divisions of the front door, sidelights, and transoms date back to the 1879 construction. The 1937 rear wings constructed from the salvaged 1870s brick are barely visible from the facade view. Both north and south additions extend a few feet beyond the width of the facade allowing the entrances to be parallel with the front of the house.

The north elevation contains the gable-end of the original 1879 building, the side of the 1937 wing, and the side of the 1970 addition. The original window opening with sandstone header and sill is intact in the brick wall of the 1879 portion. Directly behind this is the 1937 wing with an entry door. Four concrete steps ascend to a landing for the first-floor entrance door, which is perpendicular to the rest of the elevation. Below, a set of stairs descends to a basement entrance door encased in the concrete foundation.

Continuing along the 30-foot-long brick wall of the 1937 wing are three single-hung vinyl windows on the main level and three sliding vinyl windows at the basement level. Extending twelve feet from the 1937 addition is a 1970 addition constructed of cinderblock, wood and cellotex. It has a seven-foot-wide picture window with 24 simulated plastic dividers.

The rear of the house or west elevation is in the form of a double cross wing (U plan). The north 1937 wing with attached 1970 addition and the south 1937 wing extend out from the from the original 1879 building. The

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gable end of the south wing is visible, but the gable end of the north wing is covered up by the flat-roofed 1970s addition. There are 14 vinyl windows and three doors that wind around this U-shaped elevation.

The 1879 rear wall, which is the center of this west elevation, is not visible because a lean-to enclosed porch has covered it up. This enclosed porch dates to the 1970s and now has new doors and new vinyl windows. The ground slopes down to this porch area exposing the full concrete wall of the basement. This wall has a door and two large vinyl windows. Above, at first floor level, is another door and three vinyl windows. Currently, there are no stairs or balcony under the first-level door.

The south elevation contains the brick wall of the south wing, which is attached to the gable end wall of the 1879 building, along with an enclosed entryway. This 1970s frame entryway with a shed roof protrudes two-and-one-half feet. There are two doors inside this entrance shell - one opening into the old part of the building, and the other opening into the 1937 addition. This 1970 entry was built over a smaller 1937 arched-brick entry. The brick entry can be seen inside the frame entry. Two windows are located in the south wing wall. They have sandstone lintels and sills. One window is in the 1879 wall and retains the historic sandstone header and sill. All of the 1970 alterations are toward the rear of the house and do not affect the street view.

The interior of the building is a work in progress. The original three-bay partitions of the 1879 building have been left intact. The 1937 north and south wings have the interior framing left, but not all the wall material. Some partitions in the basement of the wings have been removed. The plumbing throughout the house has been removed, and so has the electrical wiring. In spite of the window replacements and other changes, the house retains its historic appearance and presence and is a contributing historic building.

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## Narrative Statement of Significance

The Alfred and Marie Fawson House, built in 1937 as a renovation of an existing 1879 LDS Church Tithing building, is significant under Criteria A and C. It is significant under Criterion A for its association with the history of the community during the Depression era at a time when recycling of materials, including buildings was a necessity. Though the integrity of the original tithing office has been compromised, the building is architecturally significant under Criterion C as an adaptive reuse of a non-residential building for a residence, creating a unique style and floor plan unlike any other in the city. The tithing building was originally two-stories tall in a classical revival style. During its 1937 reconstruction, the top story was removed and its brick was used to build two rear additions, making the structure a single-story multiple residence in the then current Colonial Revival style. The Fawson House is being nominated under the "Economic Development of Brigham City and Residential Architecture, 1854-1950" context of the Historic Resources of Brigham City multiple property nomination.

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## History of Brigham City

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' (LDS or Mormon Church) President Brigham Young directed rapid expansion of the Great Basin area by the Mormons starting in 1847. Young asked Apostle Lorenzo Snow to take 50 families with him to colonize the northernmost area of Utah around Box Elder Creek in 1853. Snow carefully selected settlers with diverse trade skills. He had the town surveyed in 1856<sup>1</sup> and provided property for residents to build homes and farms. He also supervised the construction of public buildings. In 1865, he restructured the local economy to make the town self-sufficient. This way profits would stay in the community and raise everyone's standard of living. Goods were produced by five local factories and then sold to the citizens. Snow formed a communitarian economy called the Brigham City Mercantile and Manufacturing Association, or Co-op. In 1874, Brigham Young used the Brigham City model to organize similar ventures in towns all over Utah. The city's co-op started to fail in the early 1880s.<sup>2</sup>

Private enterprise expanded in the 1890s. The city's central business district along Main was constructed at this time. Stores provided essential commodities and services, but everyone in town grew most of their own food.

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<sup>1</sup>Lydia Forsgren Walker, et.al., History of Box Elder County - 1851-1937, Brigham City: Box Elder County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 1937, pp. 259-260.

<sup>2</sup> Leonard J. Arrington, "Cooperative Community in the North Brigham City Utah," Utah Historical Quarterly, Summer, 1965, Volume 33, Number 3, pp. 199-217.



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Farming, including fruit production and stock raising, was the main occupation. Fruit growing was developed on a large scale by several businessmen like the Knudson Brothers and the Andersons. An increased demand for food during World War I furthered agricultural expansion, with many local farmers growing sugar beets. Local canning companies, grain mills, implement stores and the railroad all supported the growth of agriculture.<sup>3</sup>

The relative prosperity of Utah and Brigham City from the 1900s into the late 1920s<sup>4</sup> ended abruptly with the 1929 stock market crash and start of the Great Depression. Utah was one of the hardest-hit states. By 1931, all counties in Utah were receiving some federal assistance, mostly food, but Box Elder County received very little aid because its residents could grow their own food. By 1933, the state's unemployment rate was 35.8 percent and annual per capita income was only \$300.<sup>5</sup> The local and state economy started to improve in the early 1940s when America again went to war.

### History of Homeowners

Alfred Fawson was born May 7, 1879, in Salt Lake City to John and Ellen Higgins Fawson. He attended schools in Salt Lake County and in Idaho. On December 16, 1903, he married Maria Elizabeth Hill in Salt Lake City. Maria was born July 6, 1877, in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England, to Maria Catherine and Samuel Edward Hill. The family moved to the states for a short time, but returned to England where the family was baptized into the LDS Church in 1889. The family then immigrated to Salt Lake City in 1893.<sup>6</sup> After Maria and Alfred's marriage in 1903, they continued to live in Salt Lake for eight years. In 1911, they moved to Brigham City where Alfred was employed with Brigham City Corporation for a number of years.<sup>7</sup>

Mabel Fawson, born in 1904, was the oldest daughter of Alfred and Maria. When she was seven, the family moved north to Brigham City. Mabel was raised and educated in the town. Just after graduation from high school she was trained as a dental assistant by Dr. C.H. Bryan, and made artificial plates. She worked at this job for 18 years until the end of the depression in the early 1940s.

It was hard for Alfred to make a living during the depression years of the 1930s. He decided to move the family to California where work was more plentiful and he sold the family home. Maria insisted they buy

<sup>3</sup> Lydia Forsgren Walker et al., History of Box Elder County, 1851-1937, pp. 69-70, Brigham City, Utah: Box Elder County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, 1937.

<sup>4</sup> Richard D. Poll/Thomas G. Alexander/ Eugene E. Campbell/David E. Miller, Utah's History, Logan: Utah State University Press, 1989, pp. 463-469.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, pp. 482, 483 and 486.

<sup>6</sup> "Maria Fawson Funeral Rites Set for Friday," The Box Elder News, July 7, 1954, p. 1, col. 5.

<sup>7</sup> Box Elder News, July 7, 1954, p. 1.  
Box Elder News, November 23, 1955, p. 6, cols. 2-3.

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another house in Brigham City, even a very small one, to return to if they lost their money in California.<sup>8</sup> The family never moved. Thirty-four-year-old Mabel and her father drove past the old abandoned Mormon tithing office on First West Street, and Mabel suggested that it could be remodeled into apartments. Alfred liked the idea and pursued ownership of the property from the Church. The building was scheduled to be razed by Stake President S. Norman Lee, but he agreed to give the building to the Fawsons if they would buy the one-quarter acre of land the tithing office was on. They also had the option of buying more land around the building as they needed it, which they did.<sup>9</sup>

The building was purchased, Alfred and Mabel took out mortgages, and the work of transforming the tithing office into residences took place. The entire family was involved with the project. Alfred and son John took off the roof and dismantled the upper-story walls. They made a chute down which to slide the brick to the other family members, who cleaned off the mortar. The brick from this upper story was then used to build the new rear wings of the building.<sup>10</sup> Title to the property was put into Mabel's name in October 1937.<sup>11</sup>

In 1940, Mabel changed careers and her lifestyle. She quit her dental assistant job and began working as the sewing partner in a furniture repair and upholstery business with Carl Yourt who did the woodworking. A romance developed, and Carl and Mabel were married in June 1940. In August the same year, Alfred also became a partner in this enterprise. It was called the Fawson-Yourt Manufacturing Company.<sup>12</sup> The manufacturing took place in the old part of the house.

The business did very well. When the United States Army built Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City in 1942, Fawson-Yourt Manufacturing Company sewed all the draperies. In 1950 when the 1,500-bed hospital was converted into the Intermountain Indian School, the company provided the furniture. In the early 1950s, Mabel and Carl decided to build a retail store. They purchased the orchard property across the street, pulled out the fruit trees and laid the foundation in the fall. In the spring, several bricklayers and Carl put up the walls. In 1953, the building was completed.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>8</sup>Sarah Yates, "Tithing Office had a busy bustling role in BC history," Box Elder News Journal, Wednesday, January 15, 1997, Section Two, page 13.

<sup>9</sup>Ibid.

<sup>10</sup>Ibid.

<sup>11</sup>Abstract Records for Box Elder County for parcel 03-125-0171. Brigham City: Box Elder County Courthouse.

<sup>12</sup>Ibid.

<sup>13</sup>Ibid.

13 Kathy Bradford, "Brigham City Historic Tour," Brigham City: Brigham City Museum-Gallery, 1995, p. 33.

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By this time, Alfred had long retired from the business and became known for his work in genealogy. He and wife Maria helped organize research efforts and taught classes in many of the LDS wards in the city. Maria was the head of the genealogy society.<sup>14</sup> Maria died July 6, 1954, at the family home, and Alfred died a year later on November 23, 1955.<sup>15</sup>

By the mid-1950s, Carl's health was failing and he retired. The retail store across the street at 55 South 100 West was sold to the Box Elder News and Journal. December 1966, Carl died. Mabel subsequently married James Miller in 1974. He died in 1975, and then she married Owen Davis in 1980. In 1978, Eva Jane and Eugene M. Marsh purchased the house and property north of it from Mabel on private contract, under the name "Marsh Rentals." The Marshes built a large frame warehouse and workshop on the adjacent north property that became "Eva Jane's Interiors." They rented out the apartments in the house.

In June 1981, the Internal Revenue Service put a lien on the properties because the Marshes had not paid taxes on their business. In March 1982, Marsh Rentals filed for bankruptcy and sold the house and the commercial building. The Benevolent Order of the Elks Brigham City Lodge #2208 purchased both properties for \$228,037.47. The Marshes were then able to pay off back taxes and also pay off Mabel Fawson Davis. She received \$134,889.00 for the house and the land to the north.

The Elks used the large frame workshop/warehouse building for its lodge and rented out the Fawson house as income. When maintenance costs became too high, the organization quit renting the house and left it unoccupied.<sup>16</sup> In February 1997, they legally divided the home property from the lodge and sold the home to Ernest Harding, a heating contractor.<sup>17</sup> He intended to fix the place up and started removing old plumbing, wiring, and a few walls in the north and south wings, and in the basement. In November 2001 Harding sold the house to Dallan Stephens, a fencing contractor.<sup>18</sup> Dallan removed more interior debris, put on a new roof and installed vinyl windows.

### Architecture

Built from 1876 to 1879, the Tithing Office held the commodity donations of many of Brigham City's citizens who were also members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.<sup>19</sup> These members in good standing

<sup>14</sup>Box Elder News, July 7, 1954, p. 1.  
Box Elder News, November 23, 1955, p. 6, cols. 2-3.

<sup>15</sup>Ibid.

<sup>16</sup>Yates, Section Two, p. 13.

<sup>17</sup>Abstract Records for parcel 03-125-0171.

<sup>18</sup>Ibid.

<sup>19</sup>Vaughn J. Nielson, The History of Box Elder Stake, Brigham City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, p. 30.  
"Correspondence Brigham City March 21, 1879," The Deseret News, vol. 28, p. 167, April 16, 1879.

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were expected to contribute one-tenth of their increase to the church. This increase was usually in the form of produce or livestock. Tithing clerk Peter F. Madsen supervised the construction of this building. William Cox and Hyrum Stow laid the locally fired soft brick, and James Pett and William Wrighton did the carpentry work.<sup>20</sup>

The original Tithing Office was a two-story central passage building with a basement. A high rock wall was built around the acre lot to keep sheep and cattle donations.<sup>21</sup> The basement held the large metal safe and a baptismal font. Three bays comprised the ground level: a central bay and one at each side. These rooms stored the perishable products such as butter, cheese and meat and some non-perishable items. Two large rooms on the second floor were used as offices.<sup>22</sup>

Besides the symmetrical placement of the door and windows, the building had many other classical characteristics. The shallow-pitched roof, bracketed-cornices, and style of window headers were all classical design features. The first-floor windows had flat-arched, sandstone window heads with pronounced keystones. The second-story windows had fully arched window heads with pronounced keystones. The sills of the windows were also made of cut gray sandstone. Gradually tithes were paid in cash, and the building was no longer needed. The old stone wall was removed in 1920 and the building was eventually sold to Alfred Fawson.<sup>23</sup>

Fawson bought the building in 1936 to remodel as a home and apartments. Since materials were costly, he and his son John removed the second story from the building and used the brick and other materials to construct two rear wings.<sup>24</sup> The roof was taken apart and re-assembled on the one-story building. The front door was not changed and the original narrow side-by-side windows were replaced with wide multi-paned windows. An arched entryway was added to the south side of the building for access into the south wing. The north wing also had its own entryway.

The remodel was done skillfully in the Colonial Revival style. Although Period Revivalism was beginning to wane in popularity in Utah at this time, it was still quite common not only in residential architecture but in commercial and religious architecture as well.

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<sup>20</sup>Emelia D. Madsen, "Peter F. Madsen 1860," pp. 2-3, *Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Histories*, Brigham City Museum-Gallery.

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The cut-stone window heads of the ground-floor windows remained intact. The roof retained its original shape and pitch, and the new multi-paned windows looked appropriate for the new horizontal emphasis of the building. The south wing with basement became the living quarters for Alfred Fawson and his wife Maria. The basement area became bedrooms for the unmarried children. The north wing was finished for apartments. Daughter Mabel Fawson used the north section of the old building as a craft and hobby shop, and the adjacent central room as a gift shop. Later, her sister Rotha Jones used this same room as a beauty shop.<sup>25</sup> Eventually, the historic part of the building became a shop to fabricate and sew furniture.

When the Fawsons no longer lived in the house, it was purchased by Marsh Rentals in 1978, and then by the Elks organization in 1982. The Elks used the house as rental property for a while and then left it unoccupied for about a decade. It was sold to Ernest Harding in 1997, and then to Dallan Stephens in 2000.<sup>26</sup>

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## Common Label Information:

1. Name: Fawson, Alfred & Marie, House
2. Brigham City, Box Elder County, Utah
3. Photographer: Larry Douglass
4. Date: July 2002
5. Negative on file at Utah SHPO.

### Photo No. 1:

6. East elevation of building. Camera facing west.

### Photo No. 2:

6. East elevation detail of building. Camera facing west.

### Photo No. 3:

6. West elevation of building. Camera facing east.

### Photo No. 4:

6. Northwest corner of building. Camera facing southeast.

### Photo No. 5:

6. Detail of middle and south part of west elevation. Camera facing east.

### Photo No. 6:

6. Detail of southeast corner of building. Camera facing northeast.

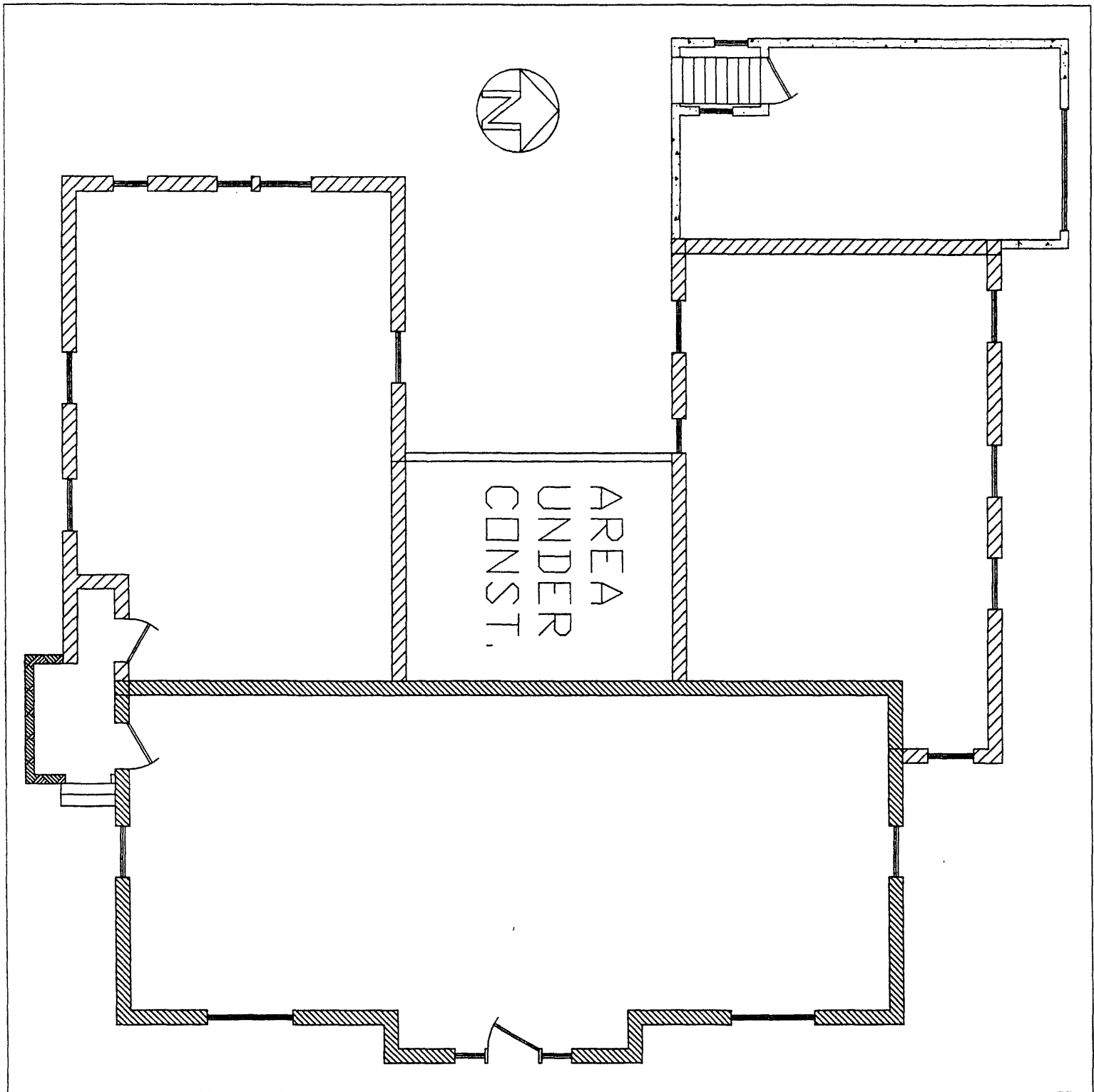
### Photo No. 7:

6. Detail of east elevation, front entryway. Camera facing west.





### Photo No. 8:

6. Detail of east elevation, front window. Camera facing west.





ALFRED FAWSON HOUSE  
 66 S. 100 W BRIGHAM CITY, UT.  
 MAIN LEVEL FLOOR PLAN BY DATE

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	1938
	CIRCA 1950
	CIRCA 1970

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